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Sir:

Applicant files this reply within two months of the mailing date of the December 11, 2002 final office action. In response to that office action, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks:

In the December 11, 2002 office action, claims 1-24 were finally rejected under section 103(a) over US Patent No. 5,850,522 to Wlaschin in view of US Patent No. 6,256,673 to Gayman. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-24.

As to claim 1, Wlaschin fails to disclose a method of "receiving a request for a portion of a file system by a client; identifying whether the portion is stored in a first location associated with portions of the file system that have been

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